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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to September 6, 2004. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$110 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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